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LIGHT INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES EXPAND

TO MAKE DISHES, PLUMBING FIXTURES -- Borba, No 297, 15 Dec 49

Large quantities of white clay or kaolin, used for the production of pottery and porcelain, have been found in the vicinity of Arandjelovac, Serbia. The new "Srbija" Pottery and Porcelain factory in Mladenovac, Serbia, which will begin production in mid-1950, will be supplied with white clay from Arandjelovac.

The new factory will make porcelain articles such as dishes and cups for general consumer use. It will also manufacture plumbing fixtures such as toilet bowls and wash bowls, as well as tiles for walls and floors. After the factory has been enlarged, it will produce pottery pipes for sewage systems as well as other pottery products.

A newly constructed industrial railroad will bring the raw materials to the factory, where they will be put into firebrick-lined furnaces, heated to 1,300 degrees. The production will be mechanized, so that one worker will be able to produce up to 300 dishes per day.

PREFABRICATED HOUSE FACTORY IN OPERATION -- Slovenski Porocevalac, No 283, 4 Dec 49

In Zavidovici, which is in Bosnia and Hercegovina, the first factory for prefabricated houses has begun operation. It will produce wooden houses chiefly from .5-meter-long remnants from large sawmills. The factory consists of several large buildings. In some departments, windows, doors, basic housing utilities, roofing materials, parquet floors, and wallpaper will be manufactured. Other departments contain machine, locksmith, and electrical machine shops.

The factory will produce two houses per hour. Thus, it will produce all assembly parts for over 2,400 houses per year. However, if work proceeds in two shifts as contemplated, the output will be doubled.

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The factory will produce several types of one-family houses as well as two- and three-family houses. The houses will have one or two rooms, a hall, a kitchen, a bathroom, a basement, and storage rooms. It will be possible to put up the basic-type house in 10 hours.

NEW SOAP INVENTED -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 293, 16 Dec 49

The "Merima" Soap Factory in Krusevac and the "Albus" Soap Factory in Novi Sad, both in Serbia, are manufacturing "Minkol," a new soap made of powdered asbestos, special clay, and very little fat. The shortage of fats in Yugoslavia has hampered the soap industry, and Yugoslav chemists have been searching for a substitute. They found one in the form of mineral colloids, which assist the removal of impurities. By using powdered asbestos together with fatty acids, the chemists succeeded in producing a soap containing 90 percent powdered asbestos and 10 percent fats. This soap, which produces much lather, can be used in homes as well as in industry. The asbestos and clay colloid is also used for the production of powdered soap in the "Albus" and "Merima" Soap Factories as well as in the "Pomoravlje" Soap Factory in Nis.

SALT MINE TO OPEN -- Slovenski Porocevalec, No 290, 13 Dec 49

In the vicinity of Tuzla, in Bosnia and Hercegovina, a new rock-salt mine will begin production in 1951, with a capacity of 100,000 tons per year. The salt will be used not only for public consumption, but also in the chemical industry.

TEXTILE MILL BEGINS OPERATION -- Borba, No 291, 3 Dec 49

On 6 December 1949, a new textile mill in Jezana, Slovenia, will begin production of knitted fabrics. The mill is equipped with new machinery unfamiliar to the workers.

NEW LUMBER COMBINE ESTABLISHED -- Rad, No 291, 7 Dec 49

A new lumber combine is being established in Mojkovac, Montenegro. Thus far, seven industrial and 12 housing structures have been erected. Several other factories will be built on the neighboring Crno Polje. These will manufacture parquet, wood wool, "Heraclit" and "Lesonit" plate, wooden cases, and farm wagons.

WOOD-DRYING PLANT OPENS -- Borba, No 286, 3 Dec 49

A new wood-drying plant of the Drava Match Enterprise in Osijek began operation on 29 November 1949. The plant will increase the production of matches by 22 percent.

NEW TURNING SHOP IN OPERATION -- Rad, No 300, 17 Dec 49

The new Banjaluka "Vrbas" Turning Shop, one of the largest of its kind in Bosnia and Hercegovina, has started operation.

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